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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: US PCT Application PCT/DE99/02371
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Applicant
Attorney Docket (H) 99GU1341USP

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, after "Claim 1" cancel "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 1 to 4" and insert

--Claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 1 to 5" and insert

--Claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 1 to 6" and insert

--Claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 1 to 7" and insert

--Claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, after "according to" cancel "one of Claims 1 to 8" and insert

--Claim 1--.

Claim 12, line 2, after "according to" cancel "one of the preceding Claims 1 to 9"

and insert --Claim 1--.

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